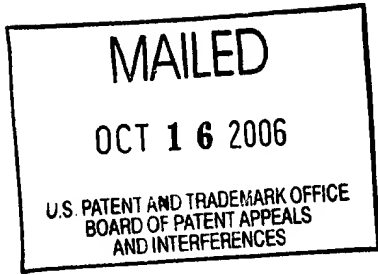


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 18, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Upon review of the Examiner's Answer filed on June 5, 2006, there is the name and signature of only one conferee. Section 1207.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) (8th Ed., Rev. 3, August 2005) states:

On the examiner's answer, below the primary examiner's signature, the word "Conferees:" should be included, followed by the typed or printed names of the other two

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appeal conference participants. These two appeal conference participants must place their initials next to their name. This will make the record clear that an appeal conference has been held.

Further, Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) were filed December 21, 2004 and December 28, 2004. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted or notified applicants of why their submissions did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for taking corrective action regarding the appeal conference, for the Examiner to consider the Information Disclosure Statements, and for such further

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action as may be appropriate.

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